

In the Claims:

1.-5. (canceled)

6. (new) A method for displaying navigational information for a first vehicle to a driver of the first vehicle, comprising the steps of:

displaying navigational information for the first vehicle in the form of a virtual pilot vehicle superimposed on an image of the vehicle environment of the first vehicle;

determining a position, an orientation and a size of the displayed virtual pilot vehicle based on a current speed of the first vehicle, reference points for a recommended route, a position and orientation of the vehicle, a position and orientation of a camera for recording the first vehicle environment and an eye position and a line of sight of the driver, and

using the virtual pilot vehicle to display a route or action recommendation indicating to "keep minimum distance from the vehicle ahead in accordance with the current driving speed" by positioning the virtual pilot vehicle on the image of the vehicle environment such that it appears to be proceeding in front of the driver at precisely the minimum distance currently required, while driving too close to a second vehicle in front of the first vehicle is shown by the second vehicle being located in the image between the driver and the virtual pilot vehicle.

7. (new) The method of claim 6, wherein a position (L) of the virtual pilot vehicle and an orientation (O) of the virtual pilot vehicle are determined according to reference

points (R) for a recommended route and according to the current position (P) and speed of the first vehicle.

8. (new) The method of claim 7, wherein said step of displaying further comprises the steps of creating a model of the virtual pilot vehicle in three-dimensional space according to the pilot position and pilot orientation and computing a two-dimensional representation of the model and superimposing the two-dimensional representation on the image of the vehicle environment perceived by the driver.

9. (new) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of displaying further information including at least one of a text and a pictogram on a panel on the virtual pilot vehicle.

10. (new) A device for displaying navigational information for a first vehicle to a driver of the first vehicle, comprising an apparatus for superimposing navigational information for the first vehicle in the form of a virtual pilot vehicle on an image of the vehicle environment of the first vehicle such that a position, an orientation and a size of the virtual pilot vehicle are determined in accordance with a current speed of the first vehicle, reference points for a recommended route, a position of the first vehicle, an orientation of the first vehicle, a position of the camera for recording the vehicle environment and an orientation of the camera for recording the vehicle environment, wherein a route or action recommendation to “keep minimum distance from the vehicle ahead in accordance with the current driving speed” is displayable by

positioning the virtual pilot vehicle on the image of the vehicle environment such that the virtual pilot vehicle appears to be proceeding in front of the driver at precisely the minimum distance currently required, while driving too close to a second vehicle in front of the first vehicle is indicated when the second vehicle is located in the image between the driver and the virtual pilot vehicle.